

In the specification:

Page 1, kindly insert before the first paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 USC §119 to U.S. Provisional Patent Application, Serial No. 60/534,196, filed January 2, 2004. --

Page 4, last paragraph:

The valve of gastrointestinal device 90 may include a flexible sleeve 92 held at ends thereof by holding members 93. Flexible sleeve 92 is deformable to be open or closed, so as to either permit or restrict passage of gastrointestinal (e.g., fecal) matter therethrough. The flexible sleeve 92 may be constructed, without limitation, of a medically safe and compatible fiber (e.g., nylon, DACRON (polyester fiber)) or elastomer or polymeric material, for example. The flexible sleeve 92 may be single-layered or multi-layered (e.g., containing several layers of different elastomers).